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SUBJECT: SPASOWSKI-LUERS CONVERSATION ON FAMILY  
REUNIFICATION

REF: A) STATE 194452; B) STATE 146286

1. SUMMARY: AS HE HAD PROMISED ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST  
IN THEIR RECENT MEETING (REF A), AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI  
CALLED ON DAS LUERS TO PROVIDE THE POLISH RESPONSE TO  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST'S INFORMAL DEMARCHE ON FAMILY  
REUNIFICATION JUNE 7 (REF B). SPASOWSKI DELIVERED A  
WRITTEN LIST OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES KEYED TO THE ONE  
VEST HAD GIVEN HIM AT THEIR MEETING IN JUNE. SPASOWSKI  
STRESSED THE DETERMINATION OF POLISH LEADERS TO MAKE PRO-  
GRESS ON THIS ISSUE AND CONFIRMED HIS NEW AUTHORITY TO SEEK  
SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF PARTICULAR CASES OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE  
TO US. HE INDICATED IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE  
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FAVORABLY ALL SUCH CASES BUT PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST.  
LUERS RAISED THE QUESTION OF DENIALS OF VISAS TO AMERICAN  
CITIZENS (SEPARATELY REPORTED). END SUMMARY.

2. SPASOWSKI, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FIRST SECRETARY  
DUCHOWSKI, BEGAN BY RECALLING HIS JUNE 7 MEETING WITH VEST  
AND STRESSING ITS "INFORMAL NATURE." BECAUSE OF THAT

INFORMALITY, SPASOWSKI SAID HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO EXPLORE THE SITUATION WITH THOSE DEALING WITH FAMILY REUNIFICATION IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ALSO TO PRESENT VEST'S MESSAGE TO THE TOP POLISH LEADERSHIP. AS A RESULT, A DETERMINATION HAD BEEN EXPRESSED IN WARSAW TO SETTLE ALL CASES THAT CAN POSSIBLY BE RESOLVED. SPASOWSKI SAID HE BELIEVES THIS CAN BE DONE MORE SPEEDILY THAN HERETOFORE AND SAID HE HAD SPECIFICALLY INSISTED ON THIS. HE CAUTIONED THAT THERE WILL BE SOME CASES WHICH BECAUSE OF SPECIFIC DIFFICULTIES CANNOT BE SETTLED TO OUR SATISFACTION BUT AFFIRMED THAT IT IS THE INTENTION TO RESOLVE "ALL HUMANITARIAN CASES IN WHICH WE SEE A POSSIBILITY FOR SETTLEMENT." HE NOTED THAT MUCH HAD BEEN DONE IN THAT REGARD. ACKNOWLEDGING THE LACK OF SATISFACTION ON THE AMERICAN SIDE, HE OBSERVED THAT IT IS A CONTINUOUS PROCESS. THERE ARE ALWAYS NEW CASES AND WE CAN BE CERTAIN THAT BECAUSE US-POLISH FAMILY TIES ARE SO DEVELOPED THERE WILL BE MORE CASES IN THE FUTURE.

3. SPASOWSKI THEN GAVE LUERS AND THE OTHER AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS--EE DIRECTOR SCHMIDT AND DESK OFFICER SEYMOUR--THE POLISH RESPONSE TO THE LIST OF CASES HE HAD RECEIVED FROM VEST. (COMMENT: WE ARE CABLING THIS SEPARATELY TO EMBASSY WARSAW FOR ASSESSMENT.) AS SPASOWSKI WENT THROUGH THE LIST, THE DISCUSSION TURNED TO THE OBVIOUS DIVERGENCIES BETWEEN OUR INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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APPLICANTS AND THAT AVAILABLE TO POLISH AUTHORITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE POLISH RESPONSE INDICATED THAT SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF PERSONS ON OUR LIST HAD NOT FORMALLY APPLIED TO LEAVE POLAND. SPASOWSKI ALSO CLAIMED IN PASSING THAT IT HAD BEEN DETERMINED THAT SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS ON LISTS PRESENTED ABOUT THE TIME OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT HAD EARLIER EMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES. IN TWO CASES PERSONS WHO HAD RECEIVED PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED VISAS BY THE EMBASSY. LUERS NOTED THAT THE DISCREPANCIES WERE ODD.

4. SEYMOUR POINTED OUT THE INCONSISTENCY WITH THE EMBASSY'S REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE BEEN TWICE DENIED POLISH PASSPORTS BEFORE IT PUTS THEM ON REPRESENTATION LISTS.

5. IN ANY CASE, THIS DISCUSSION PRODUCED AGREEMENT ON THE NEED FOR COMPARING NOTES TO RECONCILE SUCH DISCREPANCIES. SCHMIDT STRESSED THIS POINT, NOTING THAT EMBASSY WARSAW HAS WANTED TO DO THIS FOR SOME TIME AND THAT THE MFA NOW SEEMS MORE AGREEABLE. HE OBSERVED THAT THIS IS THE ONLY PRACTICAL AND SENSIBLE WAY TO PROCEED ON THIS

PROBLEM.

6. EVINCING AGREEMENT, SPASOWSKI OBSERVED THAT THIS IS BEING DONE NOW. HE ADDED THAT THE POLES HAD REJECTED THE IDEA OF EXAMINING EACH CASE, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE INVOLVED ARE POLISH CITIZENS AND A DISCUSSION IN THIS WAY OF INFORMATION ABOUT POLISH CITIZENS IS NOT DEEMED PROPER. HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS HAD BEEN THE MAIN CONSIDERATION BEHIND THE MFA'S WAY OF APPROACHING THIS QUESTION EARLIER, BUT HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPARING LISTS TO KNOW WHAT THE SITUATION IS IN VARIOUS CASES.

7. REGARDING PROCEDURES, SPASOWSKI EXPRESSED THE VIEW  
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THAT THE PRESENT METHOD SHOULD CONTINUE. OUR CONSUL IN WARSAW SHOULD ROUTINELY PRESENT CASES TO THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT THERE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FROM TIME TO TIME IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA DEPARTMENT III DIRECTOR SZEWCZYK. SPASOWSKI THEN ASKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S AGREEMENT THAT IT WOULD BRING SPECIAL CASES TO HIM, WHEN IT DESIRES, IN THE SAME MANNER AS WITH VEST'S "INFORMAL DEMARCHE." HE PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST TO SEEK SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF CASES WE RAISE IN THIS WAY. HE SPECIFIED THAT HE HAS OBTAINED ASSURANCES THAT IN SOME PARTICULAR CASES IN WHICH HE IS INTERESTED SUCH AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE. SPASOWSKI NOTED THAT HE ALSO GETS A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES FROM CONGRESS WHICH HE REFERS TO WARSAW WITH HIS RECOMMENDATION, AND HE FEELS IN SOME OF THESE CASES HE IS ABLE TO EFFECT SPEEDY SETTLEMENTS. FINALLY SPASOWSKI STRESSED THAT THE "INFORMAL" APPROACH MADE BY VEST HAD MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MAKE EFFECTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE BASIS OF HIS PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT. IF IT HAD BEEN DONE IN A FORMAL WAY AND ON "OTHER LEVELS," HE WOULD HAVE CONVEYED IT, BUT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HANDLED IN A MORE ROUTINE MANNER.

8. RESPONDING FOR LUERS, WHO HAD BEEN TEMPORARILY CALLED AWAY, SCHMIDT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SPASOWSKI'S EFFORT AND INDICATED WE WILL CAREFULLY EXAMINE THE POLISH RESPONSE. SCHMIDT EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH THE PROCEDURES SPASOWSKI HAD OUTLINED. REGARDING COMPARISON OF NOTES ON CASE LISTS, HE NOTED THAT THIS FURTHERS THE ARRANGEMENT DEVELOPED OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS BETWEEN OUR EMBASSY AND THE MFA. HE CITED CONSULAR COUNSELOR WOLF'S GOOD CONTACTS THERE. HE VOICED AN EXPECTATION, HOWEVER, THAT SZEWCZYK CAN EXPECT TO HAVE OTHERS IN THE EMBASSY RAISE CASES WITH HIM ALSO. CONCLUDING, SCHMIDT EXPRESSED CONFIDENTIAL

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DENCE THAT ASKING SPASOWSKI'S INTERVENTION ON CASES OF  
SPECIAL MERIT WILL PROVE AN EFFECTIVE CHANNEL. CAUTIONING  
THAT NEW CASES WILL CONTINUE TO ARISE, HE STRESSED THE  
IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING TO MAKE REAL PROGRESS ON THE  
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